tow the ship to Dover, but she filled It was reported last night that two

vessels had been torpedoed and sunk where the Oakby went down, but no further loss has been discovered and it believed that the seamen on the steamer

ho told the story were mistaken.

The Norwegian steamer Vitalia, from New York to Rotterdam, has been detained by the British authorities at Fal-mouth pending an investigation. She was chartered by the Federal Forwarding Company of New York and carried a cargo of meats from Chicago packers consigned, according to a representative of the company, to American agents of the packers in Rotterdam and to whole-sale provision houses there. The object of searching the vessel is

to ascertain the exact consignees of the meat, although the cargo was loaded in the presence of the Consul-Generals of Holland and Great Britain in New York both of them issued certificates to captain vouching for the contents. It is believed that the ship will soon be

Explicit denial is given to a statement attributed to the captain of the American steamship Evelyn, which was sunk by a mine off the German coast, that the loss of the vessel was due to wrong directions by the British boarding offi-cer. The truth is that the officer, after examining the ship's manifest, left without giving any instructions whatever It is probable that an official state-ment embodying these facts will be transmitted to Washington.

### BRITAIN IS OPPOSED TO GERARD'S PLAN

### Proposals to Lift Blockade Doomed, Washington Believes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- The negotia tions which Ambassador Gerard initiated

tions which Ambassador Gerard initiated in Berlin with a view to obtaining a moderation of the British policy respecting the shipment of food to Germany and the German operations in her war zone are still in progress, but without any definite results as yet.

The Ambassador's proposals are based upon the statement in the German note to the United States that "Germany is ready to deliberate with the United States concerning any measures which might secure the safety of legitimate chipping of neutrals in the war zone."

The value of this invitation was considerably dimnished, however, by the statement in the same note that "efforts in this direction may be rendered very difficult by two circumstances—first, the misuse of neutral flags by British merchant vessels; and second, the contraband trade already mentioned, especially in war materials in neutral vessels."

For this reason officials here are not very optimistic as regards the results of the new negotiations which, to be effective to the shipping to the North Sea and the nearby waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty's instructions of the Evelyn all circles interested in shipping to the North Sea and the nearby waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty's instructions of the Evelyn all circles interested in shipping to the North Sea and the nearby waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty's instructions of the Evelyn all circles interested in shipping to the North Sea and the nearby waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty's instructions of the Evelyn all circles interested in shipping to the North Sea and the nearby waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty's instructions of the Evelyn all circles interested in shipping to the North Sea and the nearby waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty to neutral shipping bound for German Points of the German

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Attention was called here to-day to the fact that Great Britain already has had pointed out to her by the United States in connection with the Wilhelmina ported foodstuffs would not reach the armed forces of Germany and also Germany's offer to have the distribution of such imported supplies supervised by

American consular officers. American consular officers. Great Britain rejected the plea of the United

States in the Wilhelmina case. Had she been willing to accept these German guarantees, she would, it is believed, have let the Wilhelmina proceed with her cargo to Germany,
Consequently, in view of this record,
there is little hope here that Ambas-

sador Gerard's discussion with the Gerupon Great Britain the only kind of pressure which it is admitted is likely to produce any results on British policy. it was suggested. lemand of both Great Britain and Ger- sels, a steamship of 1,027 tons, intees are not forthcoming he would ask Congress to authorize an embargo upon the shipment of foodstuffs, particularly grains, from the United States. nfirmation of this report was e. It was generally conceded, nowever, that intimation of such action upon the part of this Government could not fail to produce a profound impression among the allied Governments, as they are relying upon the United States to a great extent as a source of supplies. At the same time, though, it would affect the strong faciling in the strong faciling is the

tles in Washington. The President him-self has indicated recently that he was opposed to any such action and it is doubted whether the war zone situa tion would influence him sufficiently to change his mind. Furthermore it is that no such action could be obtained at the present session of Con-gress, which expires on March 4 next.

### POLITE REFUSAL URGED. London "Daily Mail" Against Wilson's Blockade Plan.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Daily Mail, commenting on President Wilson's renorted suggestion for American super of food distribution in Germa accepted by Great Britain.

"We must consider its enemy source, not the friendly channel through which it is made." the newspaper says. "Un-able to enforce her threat by blockade, Germany is naturally willing to with-draw it on conditions. It is not our interest to listen to any conditions. We prefer Germany to do her worst, know-

ing the worst will be quite bearable.

"Apart, therefore, from the virtual impossibility of distinguishing between the food for civilians and the food for the army in a country where the Gov-ernment takes control of all foodstuffs, our answer to the American suggestion should be a polite refusal followed by a long overdue proclamation of a blockade of the German coasts."

# OTS NEWS OF CARIB. ing by Minister.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Confirmation the sinking of the American ship or the sinking of the American ship Carib was received at the State Depart-ment to-day, but the Department does not feel that it has received sufficient evidence of the sinking of either the Evelyn or the Carib to warrant any positive conclusions.

Minister van Dyke, cabling from The Hague, seemed to confirm the statement in Berlin that the Carib was sunk while outside the course prescribed for the safety of neutrals by the German Ad-miralty. His despatch was as follows: Carlb reported sunk in North

Sea outside route prescribed by German instructions.

Some confusion regarding the Evelyn

"I am convictions."

that there is no certainty of Capt. Smith having been saved, consequently considerable doubt is cast on the al-leged statement of the captain that he was following the course given him by British naval officers when he hit a mine near Borkum. This alleged statement has been made much set of the states." ment has been made much of in the derman press. The despatch received

American steamer Evelyn ran on near life Borkum, sank seven hours later. Capt. Smith, thirteen men and Dutch pilet in one boat; First Officer Swanson and thirteen men in another, First boat said to have been rescued 10 A. M. Saturday. but present whereabouts yet un-known. Latter boat picked up by German scout ship Mars 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and taken to Helgoland. Thirteen men brought to Bremerhaven and put into sailors' home. Spanish stoker Hans flaro frozen and buried at sea appears to be only death. Other survivors expected to-morrow. Those

### CREW OF CARIB SAVED. PROMISE TO AMERICANS U. S. Vice-Consul at Bremerhaver Tells of Resene.

in Bremerhaven out of danger.

has been saved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Ambassador Page forwarded to-day a report from the Foreign Minister, and attested by haven, Germany, which says that Capt. James W. Gerard, the United States Smith of the Evelyn, thirteen men and the Dutch pilot were saved in one boat and First Officer Swanson and thirteen in another boat. The first boat is said to have been rescued, but its pres-ent whereabouts is unknown. The Ger-man scout ship Mars picked up Swan-

## SAFE LANES CITED.

## How to Avoid Mines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- The German

# TRANSPORT 192 SUNK.

## Berlin Announces Submarine De-

stroyed Her Off Beachy Head.

Eighteen members of the crew of the Branksome Chino, a collier owned by the British Government, were landed at New Haven, in Sussex, reporting that whether the United States will insist their ship had been sunk by a mine of upon its legan torpedo twenty miles southeast of Beachy favors Germany."

Capt. Brewer of the Wilhelmina

### TWO MORE SHIPS LOST. City of Brussels Missing-Find Wreckage of the Raithmoor.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 24 .- The City of Brus many satisfactory guarantees of the left Rotterdam five days ago for Belsafety of American shipping in the war fast and has not been reported, has been zones under the threat that if such guar-Wreckinge, including a certificate for the steamship Raithmoor, has been washed ashore near Rhyl.

# TWO PASSENGERS ON LINER.

### nent could Minnehaha Sails With 10,000 Tons of Freight, Mostly Food.

would stir up strong feeling in this

Expected war zone activity is carried out.

### GERMANY EXTENDS WAR ZONE. Orkney and Shetland Islands In

cluded, Berlin Says. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 24.—A semi-official espatch received from Berlin to-nigth says that the Orkney and the Shetli man war zone.

### Danish Liner Will Have National Colors Illuminated.

Scandinavlan-American sailing o-day for Ber gen, will not only have her name and hailing port painted in big white letters on her sides but will have paintings of the Danish flag there, illuminated like the name, with electric lights.

A large Danish flag will fly at the masthead at night and will be "picked out" of the darkness by the beams of a powerful searchlight.

# The Ryndam Leaves Rotterdam.

for New York. brilliantly lighted to State Department Notified of Sink-ing by Minister. huge letters on both sides.

### SAYS ALLIES READY TO QUIT. Rear Admiral Bowles Reiterates

Germans Will Win. BOSTON, Feb. 24 .- "The chance of a successful invasion of England cannot be lightly dismissed," said Rear Ad-miral Francis T. Bowles, formerly of the United States navy, in an interview

He went a step further than he did in the interview he gave The SUN on Monday, upon his return from Europe, when he said "Germany will win," by

Some confusion regarding the Evelyn was caused to-day by a despatch from Ambassador Page at London, forwarded from the American Consulate at Bremerhaven, where the survivors of the Evelyn were brought.

The Ambassador's despatch indicated that there is no certainty of Capt. Smith having been saved, consequently. sequences of such a situation are easily discernible and merit the most serious

# FOOD TO GERMANY NOT FOR THE ARMY

Government Gives Pledge Not to Take Over the Wilhelmina's Cargo.

LONDON, Feb. 24 .- W. L. Brooking, a BERLIN, via London, Feb. 24 .- The member of the firm of W. L. Green & American Vice-Consul at Bremerhaven has sent a despatch here announcing that the crew of the American steamer Carib, sunk in the North Sea by a mine, London to-day from Berlin bearing a statement from the German Foreign Ministry signed by Goolieb von Jagow. Ambassador, which pledges the German Government not to take over control of the cargo of the Wilhelmina or of other American vessels which may reach The statement declares that such car-

son's boat and brought the occupants goes will not reach the army or navy of Germany, but that they will be disposed of in the open food market. The text of the statement follows:

"By motion of William L. Brooking, manager of the Green Commission Company of St. Louis, the im-perial Government makes the fol-lowing declaration: "The cargo of the steamship Wil-

helmina, as well as the cargoes of vessels arriving in the future from America with food for Germany, shall not be subject either to selzshall not be subject either to seizure or to selling right, nor to any other Government measure taken in conection with maximum prices, according to the measures already issued for home grown wheat. The cargo of the Wilhelmina, as well as all future similar cargoes, shall remain the property of the American main the property of the American owner, and it can be sold by him at any place at the price asked.

"Food coming in this manner to Germany shall not be used for either the army or the navy or for any other Government purposes. The American owner of such cargoes shall be permitted to impose upon the buyers the obligation that this food be not used for the army or the navy or for other Govern-

man requisition of food supplies does not apply to imported grain. In sup-port of that contention he cited the case of Rumanian grains, which have which have ranged much higher than

in Germany. Some anti-American feeling has been

illegal. Still they are anxious to see what stand the American Government

Capt. Brewer of the Wilhelmina and Arthur N. Hays, attorney for W. L. Green & Co., conferred with Am-bassador Page to-day as to the status of the cargo, which is now actually be-fore a prize court, although hearings

### MAY SEIZE POTATOES. Confiscation of Vegetable Advo-

cated in Germany. BERLIN, via London, Feb. 24.—The agitation to have the Government take over the supply of potatoes in Germany received further impetus to-day from an article written by Dr. Kucynski, di-rector of the Schoeneberg Statistical Bureau, in the Tageblatt.

Dr. Kucynski says that if the advice given to each person to increase his The Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha, which sailed yesterday for Londen, carried only two passengers. Ernest Plant and Reginald Matthews, who are going to join the British army. The Minnehaha carried more than 10.000 tons of freight, mostly food for the British isles.

The Cunarder Pannonia sailed without passengers for Norfolk, where she will take aboard 2,500 horses for the British army. Expected war zone activity is

# Magdeburg Children Storm Shops ters on this front to a crisis. When Refused Food.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 24.-Reports received here to-day say that a large number of women and children stormed the shops in Magdeburg, Prussia, yester-day, because they were unable to get bread, even though they held tickets. The police made several arrests and finally stopped the rioting, which started when officials in charge of the istribution announced that the supply FLAGS TO GUARD HER BY NIGHT was exhausted temporarily and that these not served would have to wait.

Riots similar to this occurred in sevdespatches.

### AUSTRIA SEIZES GRAINS. Flour Products Also Are Confiscated by Government.

Vienna, via wireless to Berlin and ondon, Feb. 24.—The Government has moving against the fortresses taken over all stocks of rye, barley, maize and flour products. The distri-

of bread will be undertaken in certain districts.

WORK FOR PRISONERS. ROTTERDAM, Feb. 24.—The Holland-America liner Ryndam left last night Germany Has 50,000 Acres of also made in the last few days further

Says Teutons Hold 1,033,000. FRANKFORTON-THE MAIN, Feb. 24 rapidly. Where the Germans penetrate London.)—The Frankfurter Zeittrate Russian territory, that advantage is diminished.

# a. 18. 37,000; British, 19,000. About per cent. of the total is held by Ger-SERVIANS INVADED AUSTRIA.

of Troops From North. GENEVA, Feb. 24.—A despatch received said that Servian troops strian territory on February attacking Bielina opposite attacking Bielina opposite on the Polish-Galician front quiet invaded Austrian territory on February

Attacked Bjelina to Force Return



No matter at what point Germany may elect to make her further drive toward Warsaw and the heart of Poland she will find herself confronted by Russian fortresses on rivers which the melting snow is making unfordable except by bridges under the guns of the fortresses. From Suwalki, in the north, to Novo Georgievsk, directly in the path to Warsaw, the defences have been strengthened. Already the German drives have been tried tentatively at Grodno, Ossowiec and Lomza. The Germans have attacked Przasnysz, but without success.

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# TWO RUSSIAN REGIMENTS PIERCE GERMAN LINES

Cut Through Surrounding Belt and Escape-Attacks of Kaiser's Troops on Vistula Repulsed, Says Petrograd—Czar Advances in Carpathians.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PETROGRAD, Feb. 24.-The Russian leneral Staff made public the following statement to-night

There were actions on Tuesday orth of Grodno, near Jastrzobno In Augustowo forest two regi-ments of the Twenty-ninth Division, surrounded during the retreat.

broke through the enemy's lines and The enemy's patrols are endeavorcross to the right bank of

The battle on the right bank of the Narew is extending, the Germans making continuous attacks all along the front from the Bobr district at Jedvabno as far as the Vistula in the region of Bod-

the Przasnysz region the in the Przasnysz region the fighting is becoming extremely se-vere on the left bank of the Vis-tula. We repelled the attacks of the enemy at the village of Boguslay, west of Opochno and Lothe Carpathians there has been desperate fighting east of the

Lupkow pass.
In the region of Munkacz our troops have had a series of successes. Near Zavadka, at daybreak on

February 22, we captured three lines of trenches on the height of which is an almost sheer precipice. The Germans defending the height were killed or taken prisoners. The German attacks south Koziomoka were repulsed. After a stubborn fight south of

Dukla we carried the height.
On the right bank of the Rozanka on the Doline and Galicz roads yesterday we arrested the offensive important forces of the enemy.

# GERMAN ARMIES ACTIVE. were killed or captured are now doing

given as the cause of light passenger traffic to the eastward on board the ships of belligerent nations.

Vance into East Prussia, but to make their operations the pivot of a genships of belligerent nations. vance into East Prussia, but to make eral movement designed to bring mat-

> "It is evident from the enormous numbers engaged between the lower Niemen and the Vistula that much more

"It is obvious that the Austrians, at the other end, have been given a much weighter task than that of recovering Bukowina. The attempt is as follows:

Western Theatre of Western Theat made by every available man and gur to bring the Russian armies to a decis-Prussian towns, according to the ive engagement. If in this the enem could get the upper hand, it would be able, while Russia was putting fresh armies in the field, to transfer larg-numbers to the western front and force a general engagement there. It is, in short, an attempt to resume the initiative which in the German military text books is given so much importance. "While separate German forces are Niemen and struggling to surround Os-sowiec another is pressing on Novo Georgievsk. The enemy is also renew ing the attempt to advance on gorod. Warsaw's other guardian fortress on the middle Vistula, and Lopius northwest of Kielce. An attack Moorland Ready for Reclaiming.

Berlin, Feb. 24 (by wireless to London).—The Government has reported to

the budget commission that between 50,-000 and 60,000 acres of morland are ready for reclamation work to be done by prisoners of war.

Barracks have already been erected on this land and from 15,000 to 20,000 men are to be employed at the task. perior forces, which possess, moreover infinitely better means of shifting me rapidly. Where reenforcements ar

1.033,000. This number, it says, is districted as follows: Russian, 692,000: Herta on the Rumanian frontier declares that the Russian retreat in Bukowina 37,000: British 10,000. ably they will begin an advance in a

# TOOK 500 RUSSIANS.

Voloveoz Repulsed, Vienna Says. VIENNA, via Amsterdam, Feb. 24 .-

a snowstorm, made an obstinate attack and attempted to break through our positions, but were repulsed with severe losses. We captured 300 Russians. The fighting south of the Uniester River is expanding.

### "CAPTURED" CORPS SAFE Losses Not as Great as Reported. Say Russians.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS LONDON, Feb. 24.—A reference in the official statement to-night of the Gerofficial statement to-night of the Ger-man General Staff to the further hindrances interposed to an invasion of Russia is interpreted here as an allu-sion to the difficulties of transport owing to the lack of railroads, the thawing of the ground and a renewal of the Russian offensive.

his view is confirmed in a Petrograd the Augustowo forest as a trackless wilderness of wood and water, with roads deep in mud. The use of artillery is said to be necessarily very limited and, moreover, the German losses in recent the French advance toward the railroad to the formula of proportion to the advantages to be gained, while the Russians had already seized positions essential to Marshal voi seized positions essential to Marshal von Hindenburg's supposed plan, notably Przasnysz and Jedwabno. Military au-thorities in Petrograd expect that a considerable part of the Twentieth Army Corps, which was surrounded by the Germans, will fight its way through and rejoin the Russians on the River

Petrograd correspondent of the Times remarks the growing German exaggeration of their captures and em-phasizes a report received at the Russian capital that three out of four Russian corps reported captured have returned safe and are now fighting with great vigor. Tens of thousands with great vigor. Tens of thousands of Russians whom the Germans claimed

# GERMANS ADVANCE IN EAST AND WEST

### Berlin Admits That Russians Have Crossed the Bobr River, However.

BERLIN, Feb. 24, by wireless to London .- In an official report, issued tothan a demonstration is intended. The day, the Germans claim gains in both enemy's force is computed by good judges at not far short of a million, sians have crossed the Bobr River in

Near Perthes, in Champagne French infantry divisions yesterday made an attack on several places, and violent hand to hand fighting took place, which everywhere re-sulted in favor of the Germans. The enemy suffered heavy losses and was driven back to his posi-

In the Vosges German attacks against Sulzern and Muelbach east of Stossweier made progress. In the engagements during the last few days we took 500 prisoners. Otherwise nothing important has occurred on the western front.

## Eastern Theatre of War.

A new Russian advance from Grodno was easily repulsed. Southeast of Augustowo the Russians crossed the Bobr River in two places. Near Sztabin they have already been driven back. Near Krasnyborg the engagement con-

Near Przasnysz 1.200 Russians were made prisoners and two cannon were taken. A Russian night attack east of Skierniewice was repulsed.

### PLAN NEW WAR LOAN. German Bankers Expect to Issue \$1,000,000,000 at Par.

BERLIN, Feb. 11 (via London), Feb. 24.—Plans are under way for Ger-many's second war loan. Berlin bankles expect that the bonds will e issued at par. The September issue was put out at

97% but the certificates are now selling above par and bankers say the price eventually will reach 104 to 105. town and were not molested, but no sooner had they arrived than active population favors war, the Government price eventually will reach 104 to 105. The new loan will hear the same rate of interest, 5 per cent., and is expected to total \$1,000,000.000.

Berlin bankers believe German holdings of American securities will not be sold during the war. Germany is financing itself entirely from within.

Filer Eludes Swiss Fire.

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United States."

Holland-America Liner Ashore.

Amsterdam, Figh. 24.—A message from the Hook of Holland says the Holland-America liner Neorderdyk is ashore near Poortershaven. Tugs are trying to get her off.

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It is believed that the object of the offensive was to force Austria to return the automobiles were shelled hotly, some of the missiles falling within 100 yards of the cars, but not over their territory at the village of offensive was to force Austria to return part of the troops sent north against the Russians.

On the Polish-Galician front quiet golern avoid the flying shrappel.

On the return the automobiles were shelled hotly, some of the missiles falling within 100 yards of the cars, but not over their territory at the village of the machines was touched, allower their territory at the village of the machines was touched, allower we stormed a height, capturing in yesterday's fight on the Upper San River we stormed a height, capturing in yesterday's fight on the Upper San River we stormed a height, capturing in yesterday's fight on the Upper San River we stormed a height, capturing in yesterday's fight on the Upper San River we stormed a height and the figure of the intervention at the village of the machine was touched, allower the duels and skirmishes.

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# GERMAN LOSS HEAVY TRENCH OFTEN HELD IN ARGONNE FIGHT BY FRIEND AND FOE

Pieces in Attempt to Hold Les Eparges.

FRENCH MAKE ADVANCES BOTH SIDES LOSE HEAVILY

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS. Another steamship was sunk by was the Roy Parana, a small vessel, from February 14 to 17 as follows: but it is not yet known what flag she flew. Her crew of thirty-one was confused nature, for not only have both

It is acknowledged in Washington efforts of Ambassador Gerard at Ber-

man advance is checked.

artillery duels continue in Belgium. Advances are claimed by Germany both war zones. The drive through Suwalki is continuing and the move-ment in the direction of Plock is pro-the engagements, though sharp and

### FRENCH ADVANCE IN THE ARGONNE

Special Cable Despatch to THE SES Panis, Feb. 24 .- The French continue their advance. The official communiques

This success was shortlived, however, issued by the War Office to-day an- Our issued by the War Office to-day an-nounce further material progress in Champagne, in the Forest of Apremont Champagne, in the Forest of Apremont and on the heights of the Meuse.

Further details of the French victory at Les Eparges, between the Meuse and the Argonne, show that the Germans, who have been driven entirely from the village and the neighboring hills, suffered huge losses. The two rence regiments, which were established in the nearness of the combatants and the point, lost more than 3,000 men, or

in the rear of the German lines in Champagne could be had than the an-nouncement in the afternoon communiqué that favorable results had attended engagement near Aubérive-sur pe. This village is between Rheims Perthes and is only two and a half miles from the railroad, the near est point the Allies have reached to their objective in this district. The night communique follows:

From the Lys to the Aisne there have been artillery fights which were at times of a lively character and all favorable to us. Champagne, north of Mesnilles-Hurlus, we have achteved new

gains and repulsed several counter On the heights of the Meuse our

Additional reports indicate that our success at Les Eparges was of particular importance and that the enemy's losses were very heavy On a very small part of the front captured by us we have already found more than 600 bodies of Germans. According to prisoners cap-tured since the above mentioned ac-tion came to an end the two regi-ments which were driven from their positions as a result of our attack lost more than 3,000 men, or more than one-half their full complement. We have advanced in the Bois

Brule (forest of Apremont). The last announcement concerning the fighting at Les Eparges was made by the

since the communication of last night was issued. We have also urther progress to the north

of Perthes.

# AMERICAN ATTACHE UNDER GERMAN FIRE

Major Spencer Cosby and Other Neutral Observers Have Narrow Escape.

interesting experience they had consisted of speeding into Arras in automobiles at fifty miles an hour with German shells dropping on all sides and then speeding out even faster.

The attaches, in twelve automobiles, entered Arras in a long line with their machines strung out half a mile apart as a precaution against German gunfire, as the Germans have the exact ranges in several points on the front.

as the Germans have the exact ranges is this district almost to a foot and are able to hit any spot on the road. town and were not molested, but

Two Regiments Almost Cut to Nature of Fighting in Flanders Conceals Knowledge of Exact Situation.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 24 .- The British officia German submarines off the English dated February 19, describes the almost "eyewitness" at the front, in a despatch coast at Beachy Head yesterday. She continuous fighting on the British left "The fighting has been of the most

landed safely, although they had no sides been engaged at close quarters in a maze of trenches but the country where the action has taken place-it that in view of England's attitude the Canal—is most intricate and difficult. "There are many enclosures and small

lin to obtain the right to distribute woods and owing to the bombardment. The Russians appear to be resting the whole surface of the boggy clay soil upon their line of fortresses along the
Bobr. Narew and Vistula and the Gercourse of time howitzer shells will sweep Bobr, Narew and Vistula and the Ger-man advance is checked a wood as clean as if the trees had been

Official statements from Paris say that in the fight for Les Eparges, between the Meuse and the Argonne in the western theatre of the war, the Germans suffered enormous losses. Three thousand dead and wounded were left on the field after a charge enemy may maintain themselves in por of two regiments, which was repulsed.

The French claim a notable adence may not be realized for a convance in the Champagne district, while

### Sanguinary Fighting.

Some details of the fighting from sanguinary, were apparently not on a

"Fighting continued on February 17 of even greater intensity both north the Times, sends this even and south of the Ypres canal. In the lowing telegram from Vic morning an attack south of the canal was repulsed, but north of it two of our of irresponsibility at Vic trenches were stormed by the enemy come

The losses on both sides have been empty shell considerable, but ours are not heavier that is controlled by ture of the fighting and, judging by the number of German dead lying in a re-stricted area visible from our trenches

"I notice not contain There are the enemy's casualties were the greater. The 'eyewitness' relates an occur-ence illustrating the situation due to for the war. The Ty

frequently changing possession of the enches. He says:
"Wishing to find out whether certain more than half of their complement, trenches were occupied after our troops The bodies of more than 600 Germans had been fighting during the day, two have been found on a small part of officers set out at night to get in touch with our men. They came to a com-munication trench which appeared to run in the right direction and walked ter any attention down it. The first thing they came upon was a dugout with candles burning and German equipment scattered about. Thinking it might have been captured they continued down the trench, taking the precaution of blowing out the can-

# Walk Into Enemy's Camp.

Emperor has faded from though the dynastic princundisturbed. He has grown "Presently they came to another in remarkably good trench running at right angles to the attends to affairs of state one they were in. No sooner had they extent." one they were in. No sooner had they entered than they were challenged sharply in German. They fled, and a shower of bullets pattered after them.

WAR COSTS TRENT 11,307 MEN. A race for the exit followed, the pur- six Per Cent. of Population Killed, suers and pursued floundering in the mud and dodging around the traverses. Fortunately the night was dark and the Englishmen escaped undurt after several minutes spent under the fire of the patch from the enemy in trenches surrounded on all 307 citizens.

sides by Germans "It can readily be understood that are missing and warfare of this nature imposes great represents 6 pe responsibility on the regiments, both population a officers and rank and file, for the higher male popula commanders are necessarily unable to exercise close control of the develop-ment of the action. Direct communica-tion with the firing line by daylight may be, if not impracticable, at least precarious, and telephone wires are liable to be cut by shells, hence success depends preeminently upon the qualities of initiative, enterprise, power and quick decision of the subordinate officers and the men themselves

The writer records the fact that the German soldiers are becoming affected by the campaign of hatred and abuse French War Office on Monday when it was stated that the Germans had been forced from almost all of their positions there. To-day's statement shows that the entire region is now in the hands of the French. The brief communique issued this afternoon told of the successful action at Auberive-sur-Suippe and of an advance at Perthes to the east. It follows:

With the exception of a few successful actions on the part of our troops hear Auberive-sur-Suippe nothing of importance has occurred nothing of importance has occurred. some time ago that no English prison-

### GERMAN SUPPLY SHIP TAKEN. The Gotha Was Valuable Aid to Atlantic Sea Raider.

Montevideo, Feb. 24.—The German steamship Gotha, which has been acting as supply ship to the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, has been captured by a British cruiser, according to reports received here to-day. She s now on her way to the Falkland Isl-

The Gotha belonged to the North German Lloyd Company, which also owned the clusive cruiser Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN
PARIS, Feb. 24.—The military attaches
of the neutral Powers in France have
just returned from an exciting trip to
several points on the feasit. The second of the south American trade was last reported

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